

The HUB

The Official Newsletter of American Fork City



Saving Water Through the Spirit of Cooperation

By Mayor Brad Frost

As Mayor of American Fork, I am charged with maintaining the health, safety, and welfare of our beautiful town. Together with staff and council, I accomplish this by ensuring that basic services are provided like water, sewer, and public safety. I also work to ensure these services are provided in the most economical way possible. But as Mayor I have come to realize that these services, while important, are not enough. We also need a unified, strong, and resilient community if we expect to overcome the challenges of our day. And we can only achieve a strong community by working together, by building up rather than tearing down, and by sharing rather than taking.

Even now we find ourselves with a new challenge as we face a historical statewide drought. But this is a challenge we can handle together. One that will require a small inconvenience from everyone to achieve our goal

of water conservation. I appreciate all those who have caught the vision and have decided to cut back. But I call on everyone again to do their part by reducing outdoor water consumption by one third. This is not a responsibility to be borne by some and not others; we need participation from everyone. A small inconvenience from everyone will equate to saving almost a billion gallons of water over the year that is desperately needed to see us through the end of the growing season. Additionally, these sacrifices help to unite us and make us stronger.

While enforcement is a tool to help conserve water, I believe our community can self-govern for the good of the whole. Expectation of pristine grass will need to give way to acceptance of some dry spots. Since our community began 168 years ago, I am certain that the challenges of the day were solved by everyone working together. I am not sure when the next challenge will come to our community, but I know we will manage it better as we work together in the spirit of cooperation.

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Office Numbers

Administration	801-763-3000
Public Works.....	801-763-3060
Library	801-763-3070
Fitness Center.....	801-763-3080
Senior Center	801-763-3090

Non-Emergency

Police	801-763-3020
Fire & Rescue.....	801-763-3045

On-Call / After-Hour

Water/Pressurized	801-404-1253
Sewer/Storm Drain	801-404-7167
Streets	801-404-1255
Garbage	801-924-8500
Street Lights	801-814-4311



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AF HISTORY: EDUCATION

The parents of American Fork (first known as Lake City) had the welfare of their children in mind, right from the start. A school was started in 1852 in a one room log schoolhouse, with William Greenwood serving as the first teacher. It was located near the corner of 1st East and 2nd South. There were 15 students of different ages that attended. It also served as a church and for other public meetings of the town. This building was moved in closer to where the fort was when the fort was being built in 1853.

In 1860-61 a new church house/school was built. Later in 1877, another unit was built onto it and became known as the Science Hall. This building was located on Church Street near where the former Harrington school is located today. To accommodate the growing population, in early 1870's, the East school and West school (250 North 200 West) were built. A few years later the North school (384 North 200 East) was built.

In 1867, American Fork was part of a Utah history making event. Leonard E. Harrington, mayor of American Fork and Lorin Farr, of Ogden, helped pass a bill in the Utah Territorial Legislature. This bill gave a community the right, by majority votes of its taxpayers, to maintain a free school by taxation. Up to this point the schools were supported by parents paying a tuition. Mayor/Bishop Harrington brought this back to the voters of American Fork and the Free School act for our town. The bill was passed by a slim margin of votes, and American Fork became the first town in the territory to provide free public schooling.

In 1868 the new Free School system was implemented. Eugene A. Henriod being



Science Hall- First phase of this building was built in 1860 and second phase was built in 1877. This building served as a church meetinghouse, a school, public meeting place and a recreation hall.

the first Free School teacher in the Utah territory. He was the one who named the church/school building the Science Hall. Other prominent teachers joined in: Joseph B. Forbes, Rozannah Snow, Elizabeth Griffith, Alice Stoker, Lucy Cole, Thomas J. Filcher, David Eccles, Attewall Wootton and Ebenezer Hunter. There were probably other teachers that were part of the new system that have not been named here.

Some of the schools that are or have existed in American Fork have been named after these courageous pioneer teachers. A Free School Monument has been placed in Robinson park, just east of the Senior Center, to remind us of this history making event! We are so proud to have these men and women as part of our town legacy!

Photo and History information from the Collections of the American Fork Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum.

Utah County Health Dept Re-opens Immunization Clinics



We have reopened American Fork and Payson immunization clinics. The American Fork office, located at 599 South 500 East #2 in American Fork, is open Monday - Friday from 8-4:30 PM. The

Payson office, located at 285 North 1250 East 3rd floor in Payson, is only open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Their hours are 8-11:30 AM and 1-4:30 PM until further notice.

Come Together for the 911 National Day of Service, 20th Anniversary

On Saturday, September 11th, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m., we invite the American Fork community to come together in a united cause. This event is broadly incorporating members of the entire community, coordinated by interfaith, charitable and civic leaders. Community members will unite in service projects within zones that will take place in the American Fork area.

Please Join us in honoring the victims and those who sacrificed by keeping alive the spirit of unity and service that arose in the immedi-



ate aftermath of the September 11 attacks. For more information visit :

www.justserve.org/americanforknational-dayofservice2021

Talk Shop With a Cop

Safe Streets for Motorists and Pedestrians

The police department is always looking for ways to make our streets safer for both motorists and pedestrians. The department analyzes our traffic accidents as part of our monthly Compstat report which helps officers focus their efforts to reduce crime and accidents based upon current statistics. This helps us make the best use of the departments or the city's limited resources. The most obvious effort to slow down traffic is through patrol officers being visible on the roadway, stopping vehicles, and providing citations and warnings to those who commit a traffic violation.

The police department has also worked with the city's Public Works Department to increase the number of digital speed limit signs on high-volume streets and portable speed trailers to help take an educational approach to help slow down traffic.

Recently we had one of our officers notice a pattern on one of our roadways. Officer Morgan realized that a high percentage of accidents at the location were due to vehicles that were failing to yield the right of way to other vehicles when there was a yellow turn signal displayed. Officer Morgan took the initiative to work with UDOT and was able to change the light to allow left turns only when

a green turn signal was displayed. Since this change, there have been no accidents at the intersection. The police department appreciates that Officer Morgan was able to recognize the problem, took the initiative to collaborate with the State of Utah, and provide a non-enforcement solution that helps to make our roadways safer.



You are encouraged to contact the police department if you have any questions e-mails may be sent to policetalkshop@americanfork.gov or alunt@americanfork.gov. Depending on the number and type of questions received, your question may be answered via the city newsletter, e-mail, or phone call.

American Fork City Blood Drive



The American Red Cross is experiencing a blood emergency as hospital demand increases. Patients need you now-- please help the Red Cross overcome the severe blood shortage! By giving an hour of your time on August 11th you get to make a real difference. Very few people get to take an active role in helping to save a life.

Please come out to support our blood drive! Register at: www.RedCrossBlood.org

August 10
9am-3pm
at Historic City Hall

Night Out Against Crime

Come out and see what the American Fork Police Department is all about. We will have K9 demonstrations, SWAT, patrol vehicles, a bike rodeo, motorcycle display, FOOD trucks, and much much more. Bring all your family along and have a fun night out with the police and staff at the American Fork Police Department.

August 10, 5-9pm at Robinson Park

Road Work

There will be ongoing, intermittent lane closures with possible detours at 200 S, from Frontage Road to Millpond Rd, due to the City water line installation and development construction projects for the next several weeks. See americanfork.gov/projects for more info.

Timpanogos Arts Foundation presents...



Saturday August 28th
10 am to 9 pm
Robinson Park
(100 East Main Street; American Fork)

- ★ Live Music
- ★ Artist Vendors
- ★ Food Trucks
- ★ Family Activities
- ★ Fine Art Demonstrations
- ★ Children's Play Area

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